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SUB: XIII INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING

REF: MEXICO 2235

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS SEEN PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF PLANNED SPEECH BY MEXICAN SENATOR FOR UPCOMING INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING. SPEECH AS WRITTEN IS TYPICAL OF MEXICAN ATTITUDE NOTED REFTEL; IT IS CRITICAL OF U. S. TRADE POLICY, ALLEGED PROTECTIONISM, AND OUR GENERAL ECONOMIC POSITION VIS- A- VIS MEXICO. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT NUMEROUS INACCURACIES AND SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS IN TONE, BUT SPEECH WILL PROBLBLY STILL REFLECT NEGATIVE GOM ATTITUDE DESPITE THESE EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH LIC. GUERRERO OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TREASURY STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF SECRETARIAT OF TREASURY, WHO REQUESTED INFORMATION TO MODIFY SPEECH PLANNED FOR INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING BY MEXICAN SENATOR RAMIRO YANEZ CORDOVA. FYI. YANEZ COR-
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DOVA NOT ORIGINALLY LISTED AS PART OF MEXDEL, BUT WILL DEFINITELY ATTEND, ACCORDING LIC. GUERRERO. BIO DATA FOLLOWS. END FYI.

3. EMBOFFS SAW PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF SPEECH AS RECEIVED FROM YANEZ CORDOVA' S OFFICE; IT CRITICIZES VARIOUS ASPECTS OF USG POLICY AND ATTACKS VARIOUS MEASURES PENDING IN U. S. CONGRESS (INCLUDING FOLLOWING BILLS BY NUMBER: HR 601, 602, AND 1435; SR 151, 174, AND 441). AS WRITTEN, SPEECH IS RIFE WITH INACCURACIES (E. G., ACCUSING USG OF MAINTAINING - PROGRESSIVE TARIFF SCHEDULE" WITH ASCENDING RATES DEPENDING ON DEGREE OF LABOR INPUT IN MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS). IN SHORT, DRAFT SPEECH IS STRIDENTLY NEGATIVE, OCCASIONALLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE, AND GENERALLY HOSTILE.

4. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT VARIOUS OF INACCURACIES, STRESSED NEED FOR BALANCE IN SUCH PRESENTATIONS, AND SUGGESTED THAT MEXICAN EXPORTS TO U. S. WERE -- IN MARKED CONTRAST TO IMPRESSION CREATED IN SPEECH -- BOOMING AND HEALTHY. WE ALSO URGED CHANGE IN NEGATIVE TONE, NOTING AGAIN THE MANY POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN MEXICAN/ U. S. ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WE SUGGESTED THAT LESS NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT' S RECENTLY-SUBMITTED TRADE BILL WOULD BE FAR MORE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO MEETINGS. LIC. GUERRERO PROMISED TO INCORPORATE FACTUAL CHANGES SUGGESTED, BUT WAS NOT ENCOURAGING REGARDING MORE BASIC CHANGES IN TONE AND APPROACH OF SPEECH.

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